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Cash in Bank and Other Assets, \$1,032,333

Bonds and Mortgages (First Lien), \$1,032,333

Capital and Reserves, \$1,032,333

Liabilities, including Reinsurance Fund, \$139,920.46

Net Surplus, \$1,237,965.84

GOOD NOTES,

COOK COUNTY BONDS,

CHICAGO CITY BONDS,

GOOD LOCAL STOCKS,

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LENT APPROACHES, And Society Grows Gay as It Advances.

Reception of the First Regiment Ball for the Women's Hospital.

Masquerade Parties, Centennial Celebrations, and Children's Gatherings.

The Newly Married Pairs—Celebration of a Silver Wedding.

The Season of the Clubs Drawing to a Close.

Entertainments in Lake Forest and Other Suburban Towns.

VANITY FAIR.

THE SEASIDE HARTFORD TO ITS CLOSE,

And Vanity Fair is envious of giving it a fitting burial.

Many are the little pomps and parades of dress in contemplation for the coming fortnight, not to mention the grand Charney Ball, which is intended as the crowning triumph of the social year. On every side there seems to be a sudden awakening to the reality of Lent, mingled in many minds with a vague self-reproach at having allowed the golden hours of pleasure to slip away.

There has been a general call for a coffee party to be given by the ladies of the Third Unitarian Church Thursday, March 2, at Martine's West Side Hall, and Martine's Academy Band have been secured for the occasion.

The ladies of Union Church gave a sociable at Martine's North Side Hall Wednesday evening.

Thursday evening the people belonging to St. John's Episcopal Church will have a most delightful party at the residence of C. H. Jackson, East 203 Jackson street, to meet Bishop McLean and wife.

The Musical Fund Society of the English Lutheran Church gave a fancy party Monday evening at 182 Huron street.

The All Saints' social, with music and supper, Wednesday evening at Martine's West Side Hall.

There will be given Wednesday evening at the Chicago Home for the Friendless, a musical and dramatic entertainment, by one of Chicago's best known bands.

The "Helpers" of St. Paul's Universalist Church will give an informal party at Martine's South Side Academy Tuesday evening, Feb. 28.

The annual Lenten service of Trinity Episcopal Church will be held at the church on Wednesday evening.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. John's Episcopal Church and the women of St. John's will be at St. John's Hall, to take place Thursday evening.

PERSONAL.

Miss Fannie Rogers, of Dubuque, Iowa, is the guest of the Congregational Church.

Miss Fannie Gordon, of Madison, Wis., is visiting Miss Faunie Siadon, No. 505 West Monroe street.

Miss Sarah Fassett, of Springfield, Ill., has made her guest of Mrs. John E. Owaway, 183 Ashland avenue, for the past week.

Miss Aggie A. Chalmers and Miss Anna K. Mathews, accompanied by H. W. Mathews, and Miss Anna G. Moore, of Milwaukee, will arrive in New York the 11th inst. by the steamer Calabria of the Cunard line.

Miss Lillian Alibrat has returned home after a long visit among her friends in the East.

RECENT WEDDINGS.

M'CONNELL—ROGERS.

Wednesday evening occurred the wedding of Miss Sarah Rogers, daughter of Judge J. G. Rogers and Samuel P. McConnell, of the law-firm of Crawford & McConnell.

The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 163 Ashland avenue.

In the presence of Mr. E. S. Howes, Mr. Fred Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. John McLean, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. DuVernay, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. W. Oakley, Mr. and Mrs. Archie McLean, Mr. and Mrs. H. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Steele, Gen. John McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. W. McKittrick, and Misses Anna Stearns, Mrs. Stevie, Dr. Park, Miss Maude Van Buren of Douglaston, Misses Mary and Mrs. Whittemore, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Campbell acting as masters; Miss Mary Hall and Mr. Fred Dubois of Springfield; Miss Judith Waller, Mr. Junius J. Smith; Miss Belle Waller, Mr. John Lapchick of Springfield; Miss Sarah Fassett, of Springfield; Mr. Kirkby, Shaeley, Walsh, Menses Duncan, McBain, Charles Follett, S. Frank, Ochs, and Marion Kirkwood, The Rev. Dr. George R. Ranney, Marshall, Falzon, Johnson, Barron, Kirby, Dewar.

MARQUERDE PARTIES.

About 100 young persons were present at a brilliant party given Saturday evening at the residence of Mrs. Frederick Tuttle, No. 721 Michigan avenue.

The costume was most unusually elegant, mask and beads being the prevailing features.

There was an absence of the two most dashing models of female beauty, having in the Venetian de Medici, behind the Veins de la Venetian de Medici.

It was a great success, however, and the girls who were in attendance were all in full bloom.

Another party was given Sunday evening at the residence of Mrs. John E. Owaway, 183 Ashland avenue, for the past week.

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AMUSEMENTS.

TO-DAY.

MCGOWIN HALL—No. 117 West Madison street, Lecture at 3 p. m. by Monroe D. Conway. Subject: "London."

GROVE OPERA-HALL—No. 617 West Madison street, Lecture at 3 p. m. by Leonard Swetl. Subject: "Alfred Linley Serafin."

ADELPHI THEATRE—Dearborn street, corner Monroe. Variety performance.

NORTH SIDE TURNER HALL—Concert by the German Military Band.

NEW CHICAGO THEATRE—Clark street, between Lake and Randolph. "The Elephant."

TO-MORROW.

McGOWIN'S THEATRE—Madison street, between Dearborn and State, Lecture by Mr. T. Raymond, "Col. Mulberry Seller."

HOOLY'S THEATRE—Randolph street, between Clark and LaSalle. The California Minstrels.

ADELPHI THEATRE—Dearborn street, corner Monroe. Variety performance.

WOODS MUSEUM—Monroe street, between Dearborn and State. Afternoon, "Captain of the Watch" and "Toodles." Evening, "Wild Bill."

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

ORIENTAL CONSISTORY, S. P. E. S.—Meeting, 8 p. m., at the Chinese Consistory, 117 Dearborn-st., Thursday evening, Feb. 21. Important business (amendment to By-Laws). By order

JAMES A. F. BIRD, 32, Grand Secretary.

The Chicago Tribune.

Sunday Morning, February 20, 1876.

At the New York Exchange on Saturday greenbacks ruled at \$74-\$83 cents on the dollar.

The investigations of the reporter who is making the City Government in collecting its saloon licenses reveal the fact that the beer places run by Aldermen and town officials immediately opposite the City-Hall have as yet escaped the watchful eye of the Mayor's police, and that the city is \$800 out on sums running within a few blocks of headquarters.

Mr. BECKER, in his emphatic statement, challenges all men, all the angels, and God Himself, if they had anything to say to his detriment, to break it out! It is a little remarkable that he excepted women from his category. If he had included them, who knows that some of them would not have spoken out? There never yet was a woman challenged to talk who failed to reply.

Mr. HENRY W. Saxe, in his testimony before the Advisory Council at Brooklyn yesterday, said that it was considered unnecessary by the investigating Committee to summon Bowen before them, because he was not supposed to know anything! This is rather hard upon the Sphinx, who has all along been supposed to know pretty nearly everything about it. Fortunately, in a few days, exactly what he does know will be made public.

The great railroad contest in the Wisconsin Legislature has ended by the passage of the VANCE bill, which materially modifies the FORBES law, in both Houses. It now only needs the Governor's signature to take effect, and of the favorable action of the Governor there remains no doubt. When this is done, the great obstacle to railroad enterprise in Wisconsin will be removed, and the Legislature is now free to devote itself to Chippewa Dells and other thrilling subjects which may well for attention.

The Receiver of the Cook County National Bank, which closed its doors in January of 1875, has just made a detailed statement of its condition, from which it appears that the assets are valued at \$345,645, while the admitted liabilities amount to \$948,650. The disputed liabilities are \$1,281,420, and the assets held as collatals are estimated at \$688,081. The real estate is valued at a low price, but its character is such and it is so encumbered that it will not sell at the value put on it at present.

WINSLAW, the Boston forger, held by the London authorities, is reported to be taking things very easily. He desires to return to Boston as soon as possible, that he may explain, as he intimates, some little misunderstandings connected with his recent financial operations and sudden departure. Mrs. WINSLAW has been relieved by the Rotterdam officers of some \$5,000 in money and bonds, which she claims are her own private property, and the lady is now in London with a depleted exchequer.

A lively contest has for some time been going on between B. F. ALLIS and his creditors for the possession of his \$300,000 house and grounds at DesMoines, he asserting that it was his homestead, and so remained to him, and they declaring that it formed a part of his assets, and inured to their benefit. The discovery of the fact that Mr. ALLIS voted here in 1874, and consequently renounced his citizenship in Iowa, will gadden the souls of the creditors, since it seems to upset the homestead theory, and to give a cheerful promise of a dividend.

A Philadelphia gentleman is anxious that THE TRIBUNE should tell him just how large a proportion of our business-men will visit his city during the Exhibition, and also, whether these gentlemen will bring their wives and daughters with them or not. The question is asked on behalf of the Philadelphia hotel-keepers. It is an important one, and with the universal knowledge of the newspaper fraternity, we shall proceed to answer it. It depends on circumstances just how many business-men will take their wives and daughters with them or not. The question is asked on behalf of the Philadelphia hotel-keepers. It is an important one, and with the universal knowledge of the newspaper fraternity, we shall proceed to answer it.

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This question is also a transcript of the State Constitution, and whatever doubt there may have existed as to whether the old city charter was set aside by the adoption of the new Constitution, there can be no question

that the provisions placed in the new charter directly repealed everything in the old charter which was repealed by the adoption of the new one in April, 1875. The constitutional prohibition was re-enacted in the new city charter, and is final and conclusive against the authority of the city to borrow one dollar of money so long as the existing city debt exceeds 5 per centum of the assessed value of the taxable property in the city.

The Chicago produce markets were steadier in broadcasts on Saturday, and irregular on provisions. Meats were active and easier, closing at \$21.40-\$21.42 for March and \$21.67-\$21.70 for April. Lard was very active and easier, closing at \$12.82-\$12.85 per 100 lbs for March and \$12.97-\$13.00 for April. Meats were in fair demand and steady, closing at \$30 for boxed shoulders, 11c for short ribs, and 12c for short cleans. Higginways were quiet and unchanged, at \$1.00 per gallon. Flour was in better request and steady. Wheat was less active and easier, closing at \$1.03 for March and 12c for April. Oats were quiet and firm, closing at \$32 and 33c for March. Barley was active and stronger, closing at 63c for February and 63c for March. Hogs were active and strong, at 5c advance, selling at \$7.50-\$8.75 for skinned to extra assortments. Cattle were dull and heavy, at a decline from Thursday's price of 12c-\$12.50. Sheep were in demand at former quotations. One hundred dollars in gold would buy \$113.75 in greenbacks at the close.

The New York Times prints some statements concerning the character of the country through which Tom Scott's Texas Pacific Railroad must run, if it is constructed, which are not generally known, and which are mainly derived from a report made by JARHIS DAVIS, who also at one time favored the route along the 32d parallel. The road runs through a country with sufficient wood and water until it reaches the eastern border of the Llano Estacado, or Staked Plain, which is about 550 miles west of the Mississippi, and near the 100th meridian. Across this plain, the road runs 145 miles to the Pecos River, through an arid country which is desolate of water during the larger part of the year, and never has enough for railroad purposes. From the Pecos to the Rio Grande, 163 miles, three mountain chains have to be crossed, and in this stretch of country there is not water enough for any agricultural purposes. From the Rio Grande to the Gila River the road will pass over a great, westerly desert plain, broken by short ranges of mountains. The correspondent of the Times says:

In the entire 355 miles there are only five points where water may be found at all seasons of the year, the distance between the water stands varying from 60 to 100 miles, and the distance between the water stands at some seasons of the year, is 150 miles or more, which Mr. DAVIS says in his report is not so great a distance that railroad trains could not cross it, when special arrangements have been made for the purpose. The entire distance through the arid desert plain, which is about 1,200 miles, in no part of this distance is agriculture possible beyond the cultivation of small patches of ground where there happens to be a little water for irrigation.

Apart from all other adverse considerations, and the very forcible one that one Company has already agreed to construct the road out of private capital, it is worth the while of the Government to guarantee Tom Scott's bonds at the rate of \$35,000 a mile, when 1,200 miles of the road are in a country without water, which can never be settled, and can never produce anything but cactuses? If it is worth the while of the Government to throw away money in this fashion, then there is no good reason why the Government should not also guarantee some astronomer's bonds and build a road to the moon for him.

THE CITY CERTIFICATES: A GRAVE QUESTION.

We understand that a very respectable lawyer of this city has given a professional opinion to a bank in one of the Eastern States that the City of Chicago is not legally held to the payment of any of the outstanding certificates of indebtedness of the City of Chicago, on the grounds that they are unconstitutional and void. We understand, further, that he intimates that the only persons liable for the same are those who have issued and whose names are signed to them.

These certificates have been issued by the city during many years, but always until recently under the express authority of law. During the various amendments to the city charter the power to make temporary loans in anticipation of the collection of taxes to pay the interest on the various bonds of the city, and to pay the current expenditures under appropriations previously made, were continued and re-enacted. The power to do so was contained in the old charter, which the ballot-box stuffers destroyed last spring.

The following provisions of the old charter covered the case of Feb. 18, 1851—To provide for necessities, any articles which shall have been authorized by the Common Council, and required to be made at any time before the collection of the taxes of any year, the Comptroller may, with the sanction of the Mayor and Finance Committee, borrow the necessary sum, not longer than one year. The act of April 19, 1859, Sec. 7—The Mayor and Comptroller may make temporary loans to pay special assessments against city property when due, and may make temporary loans, now provided for, falling due on the 1st day of October.

Besides these provisions, there were others authorizing temporary loans to meet interest and other special expenditures. These charters provisions continued to be the law of the city until, in April, 1875, the Mayor, a portion of the City Council, and a gang of ballot-box stuffers repealed all these provisions of law by the adoption of an entirely new city charter, which especially prohibits any general or special loans for permanent or temporary purposes, or any loan or debt of any kind for any purpose whatsoever, so long as the existing debt of the city exceeded 5 per cent of the assessed value of the taxable property within the city.

Here is the point-blank provision of the charter of 1875, adopted by the City-Hall ballot-box stuffers in April, 1875:

Art. V. Sec. 1. The City Council in cities, and of Districts in villages, shall have the following powers:

Fifth. To borrow money on the credit of the corporation for corporate purposes, and issue bonds therefor, in such amounts and form, and on such conditions as shall seem fit, but shall not exceed the amount necessary for any purpose, or any object, including existing indebtedness. In the aggregate to exceed five (5) per centum on the value of the taxable property therein, to be ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes previous to the inquisition of the same, and to be paid in four years, unless the inquest of any indebtedness, shall provide for the collection of a annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such debts as fall due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof, within twenty years after the date of the inquest.

This section is also a transcript of the State Constitution, and whatever doubt there may have existed as to whether the old city charter was set aside by the adoption of the new Constitution, there can be no question

whatever that this provision placed in the new charter directly repealed everything in the old charter which was repealed by the adoption of the new one in April, 1875. The constitutional prohibition was re-enacted in the new city charter, and is final and conclusive against the authority of the city to borrow one dollar of money so long as the existing city debt exceeds 5 per centum of the assessed value of the taxable property in the city.

City Clerk, Attorney, and Treasurer. These have to be elected by popular vote. The charter further provides that the Council may, by ordinance, provide for the election by the people of Collector, Marshal, Superintendent of Streets, Corporation Counsel, Comptroller, and "such other" officers as the Council may decide. The Common Council has already created the offices of City Marshal and Fire Marshal, and these officers are to be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. It is to be hoped that the Council will not add to the list of the officers required to be selected by the people. If it were possible to reduce the existing list, it would be a benefit. The offices of Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, Fire Marshal, are not of a character to be satisfactorily filled by popular election. They, as well as all the others, may be safely left to be selected from among the fittest by the Mayor. The hope, therefore, is that the Council will not undertake to enlarge the list of elective offices; and that, instead, it will order a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of Mayor, so that in April next the City Council may have not only a newly-elected Board of Aldermen, and other city officers, but also a newly-elected Mayor, fresh from the people, clothed with power to select wise and competent subordinate officers in all the branches of the City Government.

SCHEENECK AND THE EMMA MINE.

It is now quite authoritatively settled that the resignation of Gen. SCHEENECK as Minister to the English Court has been tendered and will be accepted, much to the gratification of the American people. As that resignation has been mainly caused by the scandal of his connection with the Emma Mine, a resume of this famous speculation will be of interest.

Four years ago a number of confounding Englishmen put \$50,000 cash into shares of the company which owned the mine. The Board of Directors consisted of two hawks—An American and an Englishman, Thomas W. PARK and ALBERT GRANT—and several stooges, among them the Minister of the United States to the Court of St. James, who sold his name for bait in consideration of a bribe of \$9,000 (18 per cent on \$50,000) per year. One or two dividends were paid out of the capital, and then came the collapse of the glittering bubble. SCHEENECK was repudiated and to this purpose: "No. The country needs SCHEENECK as Minister to the English Court, and the position he now holds. He is doing good work. He has a right to be a candidate for President at the expiration of LINCOLN's first term. 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The decentralization of France can most surely be secured by general education, and until that event France must be at the mercy of despotism, of military power, and communal mobs, because the peasants are always on the side of absolutism. The evils which France is suffering can only be overcome by education, and when the French people enter earnestly upon this reform their prospects will brighten. So long, however, as the great mass of the French people remain in their present dense ignorance, Paris will remain the centre of authority, and its priests will continue to accumulate political power by enforcing "the divine right of family ignorance."

PERSONAL

Gov. Hendricks, of Indiana, is to start on his annual trip in a few days.

Lydia Sherman, the Connecticut murderer, is hopelessly ill in the State Prison.

"Oliver Twist" is about to be translated into Portuguese and published in London.

It is said that Fanny Fern, with her dying breath, urged her husband to marry her daughter.

No sabbath in Cincinnati, however, is complete without its genuine Murillo. They throw 'em in the free-lunch.

Mr. Beecher is going to the Twin Mountains as usual next summer. No Advisory Council shall be permitted to interfere with that pleasure.

Daniel C. Gilman will be inaugurated President of the Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore on the 23d inst. On the 24 of October the institution will open for students.

The hills of care at the late Sharon banquet in San Francisco were engorged on solid silvering from the Comstock lode, and were relished by the guests as conveineces of the occasion.

Mr. Bird, the English chess-player who came over here with the title of champion, is now only a "prominent" player. He has been badly beaten both in New York and Philadelphia.

Lord Lytton's poem is to be entitled "King Poppy." What a delicious thing to read oneself to sleep with! "King Poppy" is presumably an account of the origin of Paternal Government.

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Why Telegraph Rates Were Suddenly Reduced.

Boss Tweed Believed to Be Trying to Compromise.

Extra Bounty to "Supes"—War on Henry Bergh—Scheming Sisters.

Another Hattie Blackford Story—Mortification of the Hebrews.

A POPULAR HOTEL SCANDAL.

A marriage took place in Boston on Monday which recalls some interesting reminiscences to the habits of hotels in New York. The bride is one of five sisters who have all been married within seven years, generally very happily. They have lived every winter, sometimes together and sometimes apart, in fashionable hotels in this city. They are all pretty, and most of them have been considered as accomplishments by the press. The first of the five married was to Hattie Blackford, who had a brother in Brooklyn last spring, and is now a Boston bride. She is reported to have been three engaged previously, but jilted by the press for her indiscretions.

Young Boston is to be the subject of a new book which J. R. Osgood & Co. are to publish Saturday. This book is the "Life of George Ticknor." Old Boston meeting Young Boston says, "Well, you are to have a great treat in the new book that is to be published Saturday."

"What new book?"

"The Life of George Ticknor."

"Why don't you know the historical Spanish Literature?"

"Yes, I do, yes, I've heard of his name in connection with that. What else has he done?"

"What's he?"

"He's a professor of Spanish literature."

On Monday evening, a report reached the office of the Tribune that the marriage of

President Daniel C. Gilman and Mrs. Alice

Thorne, of the same name, had taken place in Boston.

It is reported that the wedding was performed by Dr. W. H. Thompson, of the First Congregational Church.

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The Loan Market Shows an Increase of Business.

A Quiet Week Among Real-Estate Dealers—Holders Firm.

Few Sales of Importance, Though Cash Buyers Are in the Market.

Improvements at Brighton—Horse-Car and Dumbay Transportation.

THE LOAN MARKET.

BORROWERS PAYING PROMPTLY.

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The past week has outdone all its predecessors in the number of loans taken out, and the corresponding week of last year; and, for the first time in many years, a large surplus of payments beyond the aggregate number of incumbrances filed for record.

The Chicago & Alton Railroad are to meet their bondholders at present over the movements of a gang to whom are attributed a number of murders which have put the entire detective force to their mettle. In every instance the victim was found in some part of the city limits—sales, 23; consideration, \$103,975. Total sales, 129. Total consideration, \$1,216,857.

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SUMMARY OF TRANSFERS FOR THE WEEK.

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The past week has outdone all its predecessors in the number of loans taken out, and the corresponding week of last year; and, for the first time in many years, a large surplus of payments beyond the aggregate number of incumbrances filed for record.

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There is an increasing demand for money, and more inquiries for this necessary commodity are found in the offices of agents than have been seen for some months, the prospects of an active business are promising, and our mortgage-bankers are hopeful.

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INVESTMENTS.	Consideration.	Consideration.
No.	No.	No.
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Mortgages	40,419,185	39,170
Aggregates	220,978,483	217,856
Revolves.	101	109
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THE LAND-OWNERS' ALMANAC.

J. W. Wing & Co. have published the *Land-Owners' Almanac and American Real-Estate Dealer's Guide*, containing a complete history of 100 years of closely-printed columns to a page, and sums to a present as nearly perfect as possible of the names of the real-estate dealers in every State in the Union and in the Dominion of Canada.

REAL ESTATE IN NEW YORK.

For a long time the numerous sales of real property at the Exchange under Supreme Court direction have been steadily increasing from the outside public. There is no question but that these sales are of great interest to the public, and the movement of real property, directly affected by the same, is of great importance.

It is well known that the market for real property is very limited, and the sale of real property is not likely to sell at the sacrifice terms demanded.

ACTIVITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY CONTINUES UNABATED, AS IT HAS BEEN SINCE THE BEGINNING.

The increase of manufacturers, of communication, and suburban population constitutes to-day one of the most striking changes of the future prosperity of Chicago property. The season for sales of suburban property has not yet opened, but will, when it comes, be the best and most prosperous that has been enjoyed since the panic.

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George E. Purtington has conveyed Block 45 of the village of Evanston to Cornelius A. Gordon for \$10,000.

These sales made last year by the Republic Life Insurance Company of its building to the National Life Insurance Company, into which the former has been merged, was placed at the Exchange during the past week. The consideration was fixed at \$10,000, and there was no significance to its value.

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The following instruments were filed for record Saturday, Feb. 19.

CHICAGO UPS AND DOWNS.

A sketch of Musical Justice.

H. D. Smith, U. S. M. & Friend, have filed a sketch of Musical Justice.

It was the result of a friendly invitation from the officers of the United States revenue steamer Searcher to dine with them and spend the evening. The Captain was also an invited guest, from whose lips I heard the details of the following thrilling adventure. It was after dinner, the table was ornamented with decanter, cigarette abounded, and all hands assumed positions of ease, as Capt. Fisher, with a preliminary survey of his audience, began as follows:

You have often wondered, Stationers (the Captain), what the use of your office is.

I am sorry to say, you have.

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FOREIGN.

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Disorganized Insurgent Army Flees
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Below, the Boston Forger, anxious
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Sabatella Protests Against the Suppression
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SPAIN.

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Progress Made on the Several Appropriation Bills.

How Retrenchment Works When Brought Home to the Democracy.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

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RECONSTRUCTION.

The resignation has been accepted of George R. McCarren, Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and of J. C. P. Jones, Assistant Chief, will be assigned to the charge of the Bureau.

IN THE HOUSE.

The House is in general debate, as in Committee of the Whole, with Edson in the chair. The attendance was unusually large for debate day. The first speech was made by Mr. Chittenden in favor of currency.

MR. O'NEILL'S SPEECH.

Mr. O'Neill's speech was somewhat long, and upon its conclusion, Mr. Kelley (Pa.) made his speech.

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